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QUANTITY OF PADDY PURCHASED IN EXCESS—REFUND OF COST

221. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have the Government got ready the facts and figures wanted according to sections (*g*) and (*j*) of question No. 110 put by me during the Budget Session of 1118; if not, will the Government kindly explain the delay;

(*b*) will the Government kindly make early arrangements to refund the amounts to parties from whom Government have wrongly but unwittingly taken excess of paddy due to incorrect measurement?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The exact quantity of paddy purchased by Government has not been finally ascertained.

(*b*) Government have ordered the refund of the cost of this excess quantity of paddy realised from the parties.

STOCK OF SUGAR IN THE DEPOTS AT VADAKKANCHERI, KUNNAMKULAM AND TRICHUR

222. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the approximate number of bags of sugar in stock at the depots at Vadakkancheri, Kunnamkulam and Trichur on 1st Kanni 1119;

(*b*) the number of days the sugar supply was withheld for the circulation of the new card system after the supersession of the old ones issued;

(*c*) the approximate loss of sugar due to the wet and damp weather and dampness of the places where they are stocked;

(*d*) whether it is not a fact that large quantities of sugar due to its deliquescent quality have been clotted, dissolved and got absorbed into the bags and wasted?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The opening balance of the day in these depots was 4 bags, 291 bags and 1784 bags respectively.

(*b*) One week (in Trichur Town alone).

(*c*) The shortage reported is 7 cwts. and 46 lbs. from Kunnamkulam and 120 lbs. from Chittur.

(*d*) No. Some loss has been sustained, but not much.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* A slight modification is required to the answer to (*b*) "and a few days delay in the Talappalli Taluk."

RATION CARD ISSUED TO ONE ACHYUTAN NAYAR

223. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether ration card number 075831 issued to one Chemmanore Achyutan Nayar of Puduviruthi Village Desam, Talappally Taluk, originally issued to be disbursed from the shop of Venkateswara Ayyar of Mundathikode was changed to the shop of C. T. Devassy;

(*b*) who has made the alterations in the card;

(*c*) whether any supply of rations has been made without entering same in this card on 8th Kanni 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not known.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to enquire as to who made the alterations in the card?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The matter has been reported to the Police and prosecution is pending. The case is being investigated.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know against whom is the prosecution?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The report was against the retailer and the card-holder.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the cards are to be attested by the Field Officers?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* What happened was the attested card was altered. The number of units was altered from 2 to 9 and the excess units of rice were actually obtained. The matter is being enquired into.

KOLE LANDS—FAILURE OF HARVEST DURING LAST YEAR

224. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether they have come to know that some of the Kole lands were not harvested last year on account of early rains and that many of the cultivators could not store seeds for this year;

(*b*) was this fact brought to the notice of the Government as early as Edavam last;

(*c*) if so, what arrangements have been made by Government for the supply of seeds to the cultivators;

(*d*) have they collected statistics as to the quantity which may be required this year;

(*e*) if so, what are they and the quantity they have collected or supplied to the cultivators so far?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) By procuring, storing and distributing seeds. Instructions have been issued to the Grain Purchasing Officers to purchase seeds and supply the same to the cultivators.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) A quantity of about 30,000 paras of seeds was estimated for being preserved for distribution among the cultivators. About 20,000 paras of seeds have already been procured and major portion distributed on the recommendation of the Kole Committee President. For the balance quantity which the President has estimated at 10,000 paras, necessary steps have been taken to procure the same from Travancore.

ASSISTANT LECTURER IN THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT—DELAY IN APPOINTING THE SUBSTITUTE

225. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the date of the application for leave of Mr. Raghava Warrier, Assistant Lecturer in the Languages Department, Maharaja's College, which necessitated the appointment of Mr. N. M. Venkateswara Mallaya notified in paragraph (1) of Notification No. 130 in Part I of the Gazette, dated 18th Vrischigam 1119;

(*b*) the date of sanctioning of leave;

(*c*) the date of entering on leave;

(*d*) the date of reporting about this leave;

(*i*) by the Principal;

(*ii*) by the Director of Public Instruction;

(*e*) the date of notification in the Gazette;

(*f*) the last day to receive applications for the appointment;

(*g*) the date on which Mr. Mallaya joined duty;

(*h*) whether Mr. Raghava Warrier has re-joined duty;

(*i*) if so, the date?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) 22nd October 1943.

(*b*) 23rd November 1943.

(*c*) 21st October 1943.

(*d*) (*i*) 25th October 1943.

(*ii*) 31st October 1943.

(*e*) 12th November 1943.

(*f*) 22nd November 1943.

(*g*) On the after-noon of 3rd December 1943.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) 16th December 1943.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So, Raghava Warrier entered on leave on 23rd November and the substitute was appointed and he joined duty only on 3rd December and Raghava Warrier returned to join duty again on the 16th December. That means about 13 days' service. So, all this while the students were not having proper classes.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It some times happens that when leave is applied for a very large number of preliminary documents have to be obtained. When

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